



# The RIDLEY TIGER

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## Ridley Crew Competes At Henley



*Heavy Eight leaves Malton for United Kingdom — from top to bottom: Ivey, Newell, Woods I, Rumble, Schmon m, Taylor I, Peter Pilgrim, Hodgson, Butterfield, The Headmaster, Verity ma, T. Cronyn, Esq., Stone, N. L. Shipley, Esq.*

The Henley Royal Regatta was a thrilling and valuable experience for all those Ridleians involved. After many weeks of work the regatta at Henley-on-Thames certainly was not a letdown.

Arriving in England late Thursday the 4th of July, we settled into the residence of Mrs. Joan Seed about three miles from Henley. Throughout our stay the accommodation was more than ample and we woke up each morning to an excellent breakfast.

Brian Hoover and coach Jerry Cheevers, who had arrived two days before us, had the boat rigged and ready for us when we arrived in Henley the next morning in our overcrowded mini-

bus. Due to a two-day lay off for travelling, we only went out for a short practice.

On Saturday we rose at 7:30 for a practice session and later in the morning watched the qualifying races for those categories having more than 36 entries. It was the first time we had seen the way in which the English handle their races.

At 3:00 in the afternoon the draw for Wednesday's races was held in the Town Hall. Messrs. Pilgrim, T. Cronyn, Shipley, Cheevers and Brian Hoover represented Ridley. The draw seemed to be one of the biggest events of the week, as every town official was present and there was standing room only in the hall.

With only six crews left to be drawn, Ridley remained along with three other favourites: J. E. B. Stuart High School from Virginia, Kent School of Connecticut and Shrewsbury of England. We drew Tiffin, an average rated English school. After Tiffin, assuming a win, we were to meet the winner of the Kent - Shrewsbury race, both of whom were very highly rated.

We rowed again on Saturday and then twice on Sunday in preparation for Wednesday's race. We found it easier to continue rowing at 7:30 a.m. since 150 other crews practiced throughout the day.

Monday, our two able spare oarsmen, Tom Stone and Bill Verity rowed in the spare man pair oared race. Unluckily they drew the University of London which eventually went on to win the Grand Challenge Cup. Tom and Bill lost by five lengths but everyone was pleased to see them do as well as they did since they had only practiced a few times as a pair.

Monday and Tuesday we began to slack off with light practices each day.

Wednesday our race was at 10:35 a.m. The schedule of races required two crews to leave the starting gates every five minutes and they were never behind schedule.

At 10:35 we left the starting gate in the inside lane, Lane 1. After about 15 strokes we had a lead of about  $\frac{1}{2}$  length and at Fawley (the half way point to foreigners) we were in front by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lengths. In the remainder of the race we only managed to increase our lead by another  $\frac{1}{2}$  length as Tiffin never gave up and rowed a strong finish.

Retiring early that night, we prepared for the next day's race at 6:00 p.m. Our opponent was Shrewsbury who had beaten Kent by  $\frac{1}{2}$  length in probably the best race of the day.

Thursday, the weather had changed drastically. Due to torrential rains the night before the river was swollen. The docks were either submerged or drifting away. The newspapers

stated the next day that the conditions were the worst in 125 years.

As the day's racing progressed, it became apparent that Lane 2 could be anywhere up to 8 seconds or 2 lengths slower than Lane 1. The explanation was that Lane 2 being in the middle of the river was subjected to a much more powerful current towards the end of the race.

For the race we had drawn Lane 2! At 6:00 the race began. We jumped Shrewsbury by about 5 feet in the first 30 strokes but by Fawley they had overtaken us and were in front by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  lengths. With just over 500 metres to go, our stroke and captain, Moore Newell raised the stroke, but it wasn't good enough as Shrewsbury finished a solid  $2\frac{1}{2}$  lengths ahead.

We realized that we'd lost to an excellent crew and that we were not the only crew that had to deal with the problem of Lane 2.

The final two days were spent watching the races and taking in a little local hospitality. J. E. B. Stuart High School, the American Schoolboy Champions went on to win the Princess Elizabeth Cup of our class.

Our thanks must go to Jerry Cheevers for his excellent job of maintaining the spirit of the crew and for keeping up the high coaching standards set by Neil Campbell and Gerry Lienert who preceded him. We thank also Brian Hoover for looking after much of the paper work of the crew and for his continual strong support.

Captain Moore Newell deserves much credit for leading Ridley's crews as captain in rowing's first three years as an established sport.

We would like to thank also our many supporters, some of whom came so far to support us and to Mr. Shipley many thanks for his chaperoning.

R. W. Ivey.

## THE HEADMASTER ANTICIPATES EXCELLENT YEAR

A very warm summer is now two-thirds over, and when the Editor of Tiger asks me to write on the School I am not sure whether he wants reflections on the past or anticipations of the future. I assume mostly the latter.

Physically, apart from extensive maintenance work, there have not been too many changes. The new addition to the Lower School has already been filled, and the Upper School will be jammed to capacity. The Ridley which opens on September 8th will have the largest number in the School's history — approximately 460 boys in all.

Perhaps the most significant changes, and I am now speaking mainly of the Upper School, will be in Staff. As you all know, we will open for the first time since 1939 without the genial presence of Mr. J. P. Matheson. He leaves quite a gap, one which cannot really be filled, for his unique personality cannot be replaced. The perhaps overworked term, "dedicated", applies to him as to practically no other man. He will be sorely missed in the classroom, on the playing fields, in his office giving advice or extra help, or entertaining graciously in his home. He is one of the great Ridleians and I hope that we see him and Mrs. Matheson, as often as they can tear themselves away from their delightful residence on Lakeshore Road.

Another man whose familiar form and face will be no longer a part of the Ridley scene is Percy Wykes. Mr. Wykes, too, gave much to Ridley, as a Housemaster, as a loyal member of the Staff and as a friend to many. He will not be far from us in his new surroundings at McMaster. We hope that he and Mrs. Wykes may also find themselves back here whenever possible. We are also sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Clarkson and Mr. Gallop, who in their comparatively short stays at Ridley contributed much. Mr. Clarkson will be remembered for the record, "The Sounds of Ridley", and for the new model of Acta. Mr. Gallop's great contribution was in the development of rowing. They, too, and their wives will always be welcome.

To the Staff this year, I should like to welcome Mr.



W. N. Caters, B.A., Queen's University, Belfast; Mr. E. A. McBride, B.A., University of London; and Mr. W. P. Roach, B.A., University of London. We hope their stays at Ridley will be long and happy.

There are, counting boys who have come north (if you follow the compass), or downhill (if you follow the gradient) from the Lower School, over one hundred boys who will be entering the Upper School for the first time this fall. They, too, are welcome and I trust that the year will be rewarding and profitable for all of them.

Looking backward to last year's VIA, I am pleased to report that all 23 of the VIA-1 form are in Universities, and that most of the 22 in VIA-2 are also enrolled in Universities. We are still waiting to hear from five of them. Six boys have entered Universities directly from VIB. It was, in short, a very good year academically, and we were proud of our results right through the School. I wish all our seniors who are now University Freshmen the very best of luck and success in their new ventures.

And now, what are the people who make up Ridley College going to do for it in the coming year? The most important group is, of course, the boys, for without the boys there would be no School. One of the most memorable quotes in Ridley's history was made by the late H. G. Williams after the School was totally destroyed by fire in 1903. He said, "The boys are safe, and the boys are the School." We know that there are all sorts of boys, just as there are all sorts of people. We know that there are enthusiasts, and the opposite. We know there are athletes, and the opposite. We know there are students, and the opposite. We are aware of such terms as introverts, extroverts and ambiverts. We are sure that we have many of each. All of the various types and sizes of individuals put together create the really important part of Ridley, the corporate student body. How each of them behaves affects the basic behaviour of Ridley as a whole. The School has always, through its history, been proud of its unusual "spirit". Unless every boy contributes to Ridley strongly and constructively, this "spirit" suffers, and it is our hope that they will all in 1968-69 prove to be as the School song used to put it, "loyal sons", and now puts it, "worthy sons" — of Ridley.

Other important parts of Ridley are the Old Boys, the Parents, the Staff, and the Board of Governors. These four groups, and there is considerable over-lap, are the people who will be reading these few words rather than the present boys, and I trust they will excuse me for including the above paragraph in these random notes. However, it does contain part of our basic philosophy — to do the best we can with the raw material that makes up Ridley, and to hope that the boys will all do their parts in return.

It is more difficult for me, and indeed rather presumptuous, to suggest how Old Boys, Parents, and Governors should be "worthy" parts of Ridley. Some of you have already done so very much for the School, far above the call of duty, that I hesitate to generalize. All that the Staff and I can ask for is your loyal support and guidance as the years go marching by. We appreciate all that you do for us, and your interest in the School and the suggestions that you make. We appreciate the hours of time which some of you devote so unselfishly to your School.

Of the Staff, I can speak more freely. They are a good Staff. They combine scholarship, leadership, a variety of talents, and a real devotion and loyalty to Ridley. I am proud of the work they do in the classroom, on the playing fields, and in getting to know the boys. They are perhaps the second most important part of Ridley after the boys. I would say more about this, but spare their blushes.

At this point, I realize that I have filled just over half of my allotted space, and have been perhaps rather too general, and not factual enough. A difficulty I have is that I recently sent all parents a lengthy letter full of facts, and I hesitate to repeat myself. I would, however, emphasize that the points outlined in the letter are important to us, and should be to all parents. The Staff and I have gone over them all very carefully, and we would hope that all parents would in turn read them carefully, and keep them on file. I think that I can say in all honesty that many of the questions we are asked during the year are already answered in the August letter.

I would like to take a few lines to comment on the various funds that help support the School. As you read in

the last Tiger, the Foundation Fund (our living endowment), exceeded its 1967-68 goal of \$30,000 and this was extremely encouraging. We are grateful to the Financial Support Committee, and to Mr. Heaman for their indefatigable work. The American section of the Fund, the Ridley College Scholarship Fund Inc., also surpassed its target of \$10,000 and our thanks to the loyal Old Boys in the United States who have been responsible for this.

The 75th Anniversary Fund is nearing the conclusion of the five year period. In round figures, the statistics for the Canadian contribution are as follows: —

Total pledged .....	\$ 720,000.00
Collected .....	678,000.00
Trans. U.S. Funds .....	23,000.00
Written off .....	3,700.00
To collect .....	36,000.00

As you can see, this is a very good record indeed.

The American section of the Anniversary Fund was generously supported — \$140,000.00, but in the States the anniversary Fund and the living endowment fund were combined so that it is difficult to give concise figures. What is important, however, is that our original overall target figure, Canadian and American funds combined, was only \$600,000.00. Thus, we went \$260,000.00 over our goal.

We trust that Riddleians everywhere will continue to support us financially in the same fine way, and that also they will continue to give us all the other types of support for which the Ridley family has been so famous in the past.

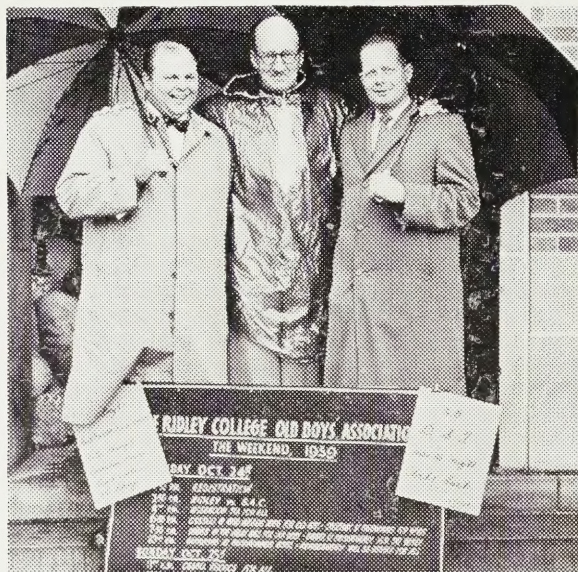
As I write this, the last few weeks before the deluge are upon us. Member of the Staff are working on the academic timetable, allotment of forms, accommodation problems, sizes of forms, setting up records and all the other details which must be completed if the School is to start off in high gear on September 8th. We always seem to be in a state of wondering if everything will ever be straightened out, including the unknown, such as, "Will everyone pass his supplemental examination?" Somehow the horizon always clears, and it will do so again this year, and, before we know it, Ridley 1968-1969 will be going full tilt. We don't know what lies ahead — what triumphs, or disasters, but we do know that if all the sections of the Ridley family pull together as they have done before, we have every reason to expect one of the best years in Ridley's history.

## Jim Clarkson



Jim Clarkson arrived at Ridley in 1966 and joined the English Department. With his wife, Trudy, they became an integral part of the campus. Jim acted as the Staff adviser for Acta and has been in a large part responsible for its becoming a yearbook this year. We wish them both well as he takes up his new post at the Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology in Welland, Ontario.

## 19-20 OCTOBER 37th Old Boys' Week-End



Plans have been laid for the Week-End as you will have seen on the inside front cover. We have made a number of changes which it is hoped will result in more of you attending.

Wives or girl friends are most welcome and we invite you to bring them with you. They are invited to attend all events with you including the Saturday night Dinner in the Great Hall.

As an innovation, there will be a tea dance in the Gymnasium following the game. Class movies will be shown, if possible, in the squash courts during luncheon. Tours of the School, with Prefects as guides, will be laid on for Saturday and Sunday. Following the Dinner, all Old Boys and their wives or girl friends are invited to the St. Catharines Club if they wish a quiet spot to relax in and talk to old friends. The official opening of the new wing in the Lower School will take place after the Chapel Service on Sunday.

There will be four reunions this year and Old Boys from the years concerned will have heard from their Class Secretaries about their plans by this time. Most of them are planning gatherings on Friday evening to start the Week-End.

The years having reunions and the Class Secretaries organizing them are listed below if you wish to contact them.

1918 — 50th Reunion

(George Marks, 2254 Cornwall St., Vancouver 9, B.C.)

1943 — 25th Reunion

(Frank Convery, 16 Donmac Dr., Don Mills, Ont.)

1958 — 10th Reunion

(Ken Powell, 111 Raglan Ave., Apt. 1202, Toronto 10, Ont.)

1963 — 5th Reunion

(Bill Kinnear, 225 Dunvegan Rd., Toronto 7, Ont.)

Assisting them from St. Catharines will be Dick Seymour (43), John Walker (58) and Peter Hastings (63).

We expect a good turnout for the Week-End. The weather is usually good. You will meet a lot of your old classmates and enjoy your return to the School. Mark the Week-End on your calendar now.

You will receive a mailing with reservations cards shortly. Please fill in the card and return to Sam Heaman promptly. All of us here at the School will be looking forward to seeing you again on the 19th of October.

## Births

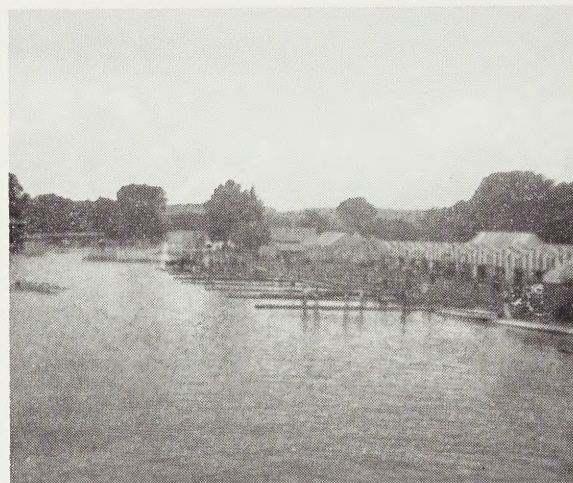
DYBA, EMIL T. (50) — on 18 May, 1968, in Toronto, a daughter.

RIGBY, TIMOTHY H. (60) — on 27 August, 1968 in St. Catharines, a son.

## The Year I Went to Henley

... Any crew that lost on the Buckinghamshire station by anything up to two lengths could have won in normal conditions. Douglas Calder in *The Times* of London, 13 July.

The Henley course lies along a straight stretch of the River Thames and is 1 mile, 550 yards in length. Midway along its length is the boundary between the counties of Buckinghamshire and Berkshire. The former side is in mid-stream and so it receives the brunt of whatever current there may be.



*A view of the boathouse and docks at Henley*

Under normal circumstances, the flow of water is gentle and plays little part in the outcome of a race, but this year conditions were unprecedented. Not for over fifty years had the Thames been in such extreme spate. For the last three days of the Regatta, docks at the boat-houses were under water, and all boating had to be done from the dock of the Leander Club, which was a few inches above the swirling current.

On the Wednesday (10 July), Ridley, on the Berks side, defeated Tiffin School by 3½ lengths in the first round of The Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup. It was a good victory. On the same day, Shrewsbury won over Kent School (U.S.A.), Eton College and J. E. B. Stuart High School (Falls Church, Va., U.S.A.) also were among the opening-day winners.

Next day, Shrewsbury on the Berks side defeated Ridley by 2½ lengths. Shrewsbury was the English favourite to meet Eton in the finals, and they deserved their victory, but . . . that flood. One can not help wondering IF the mental and physical effect of the Bucks side had not been present . . . Be that as it may, Ridley can be proud of its eight in its second year of competitive rowing, amid the panoply that surrounds Henley and under the weird conditions of the water. On the Bucks side it was a little like rowing up the St. Lawrence just below the Lachine Rapids.

Incidentally, great tribute should be paid to J. E. B. Stuart H.S. in their third year of rowing. They defeated Shrewsbury on Friday and on Saturday morning, from the Bucks side, won over Nautical College, and in the afternoon, on the same side, led Eton by a canvas to the finish line to win The Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup in the last race of the Regatta.

The Henley safari began on 3 July, when a Dinner-party was given by some of the Board of Governors at the Toronto Golf Club for the members of the crew and their parents. At it, some 50-60 people were present and the boys were presented with their new rowing blazers — light orange in colour with black trimming and crossed oars.

Early next morning, the party flew to New York and thence by a Pan-Am day flight to London — the eight plus two spares, Ted Pilgrim and his son, Peter, Norm Shipley, who was in charge, and the writer. The manager and the coach had flown over the day before and the shell had been in England for some days.

A feature of the flights was the presence among each boy's effects of an oar. The latter appeared to leave the airline clerks quite undisturbed. The oars simply disappeared with the bags and appeared again in like manner at the end of each flight — you never know what you can do until you try.

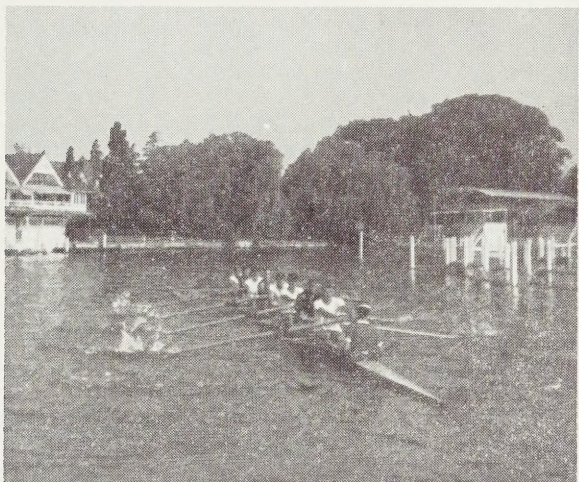
At Heathrow, the manager, Brian Hoover, and the Coach, Jerry Cheevers, whisked the boys and Norm off in a chartered bus to their quarters in Wargrave, a village about four miles from Henley.

The remaining trio settled in at the Red Lion Hotel in Henley, from whence they had a front-row, literally, view, for the next ten days, of most of what went on. This hotel is



*Jerry Cheevers last instructions to the Eight before a practice*

situated on the river beside the bridge in the centre of the town. Our bedroom windows looked across a narrow road to the water — opposite them was the Leander Club and boat-house and a short distance downstream, the finish of each race was clearly visible. Between the Steward's enclosure at the latter point and the Leander Clubhouse lay the boat-houses for the 120-odd crews and shells that were on hand.



*The Eight at practice at Henley*

That there was action for practically every moment is a self-apparent proposition. Ridley received strong support for so distant a field. Among those who were present at one time or another, in addition to those already mentioned, were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schmon, Mr. and Mrs. Cro Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Mactaggert, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ivey, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Venables and Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jarvis and the parents of Moore Newell, the captain of the eight, Wilf Hoover, the Misses Debbie Guest and Anne Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hopper, Matt Gamble (70), Bob Rumble, Bob Stanley and

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probably others. From England there were Tony Thres, Robert Penny, Bob Rogers and Chris Wright. In the window of a photographer in the main street who specializes in rowing pictures, a large framed picture of the Ridley eight practising on the Thames stood throughout the Regatta. Ridley was the only representative present of the Commonwealth outside England.

Of the day-to-day activities of the boys, others closer to the scene will speak. From our base in the Red Lion, we were in touch with them often when they practised, ate their steak dinners (plus fifteen bottles of specially ordered milk) at the Wagon-Wheel Restaurant just down the street, or simply viewed the amenities of the town.

On the Saturday afternoon prior to the Regatta, the Draw occurred in the Town Hall. Present were coaches, many of the rowers, anyone interested and, on the platform, some thirty-odd members of the Regatta Committee. On a table in front of the latter stood the venerable Grand Challenge Cup. Into it were placed slips of paper on which were written the names of the participants. These were drawn out in pairs, and the combinations for the first heats were announced on the spot. In short, much depended on the luck of the draw. There was a sympathetic gasp from the audience when Harvard and Cornell, two somewhat favoured entries in the heavy eights, were drawn together. Prior to the draw, the chairman announced withdrawals by a number of European crews, who had elected to row at a rival regatta in Switzerland, which took place on a six-lane course laid in still water. Who could blame them? Henley's narrow course, the sudden knock-out nature of the daily heats (there is no time there for repechages) and the unreliable river current limit the enthusiasm of overseas entries, particularly in a preparation-for-the-Olympics year. Moreover, entries for the Queen Elizabeth Cup may be limited next year by a conflict of Regatta dates with those of the English schools' final examinations. In short, it appears that the future of the Royal Henley may be in some jeopardy, at any rate under present rules and circumstances. It could be that Ridley was particularly lucky to have entered this year.

The foreground of the nine deep boathouses was an ever-busy spot during daylight, with shells constantly being boated, crews exchanging greetings and ideas, coaches, always with two stop-



*Looking toward the Leander Clubhouse and dock after the storm*  
watches dangling around their necks, whirling about on their bicycles, and the buzz of enthusiastic oarsmen. One day,

Prince Phillip dropped in by helicopter. He was shown through the boat-sheds by "Charlie", senior boatman and the one who had Ridley's shell in his charge. Charlie had introduced a couple of our boys to H.R.H. and was about to do so for Ted and Peter Pilgrim and Norm Shipley when an in-coming shell intervened between them and the Royal Party. When the sixty feet of boat had passed, so had the Prince; but they almost met him.

The Steward's enclosure (tickets, 6 guineas apiece for the four days) presented a combination of Mod and Edwardian knighthood in flower — minus-mini, but ultra-fashionable dresses, with hats and gloves, for the ladies; cream-flannels, gorgeous blazers and ancient peanut-scoops or straw boaters for the men. From it, spectators had a clear view of the last 300 yards of a race. The p.a. system gave a close commentary (which, by the way, was clearly heard at our bedroom windows) and TV screens revealed the races throughout to viewers in the grandstand. Behind the latter the band of H.M. Scots' Guards played in the afternoons, and tea-, bar- and champagne-tents stood conveniently about.

Shortly after J. E. B. Stuart had defeated Eton in the last race of the Regatta, the prizes were presented from a stand in the enclosure. The Guest-of-Honour, Sir Alan Herbert (the "A. P. H." of literary and theatrical fame) caught the spirit of the occasion in a speech that was, if, perhaps, a little lengthy for some, fraught with earthy humour and nostalgic memories of the River Thames.

For those who had the good fortune to be there, Henley created a moment in the history of Ridley that will never be forgotten. Our deepest thanks are due to those, Old Boys and parents, who made the expedition possible. Most of them were at Henley in person, and they saw that their efforts were not in vain. The boys who participated will never forget "1968, the year I went to Henley".

T. C.

## Newcomers to the Staff

Tiger welcomes the following new masters to the Staff and extends its best wishes to them for a most successful year with us.

### Upper School

W. N. Caters, B.A., Queen's University, Belfast. Mr. Caters comes to us from the Belfast High School. He will be teaching Mathematics and residing with his wife and two sons in Arthur Bishop House.

Eugene A. McBride, B.A., University of London. Mr. McBride has been teaching at the Upton House Secondary School for Boys in London. He will be teaching French and Latin and will also be living in Arthur Bishop House.

W. Peter Roach, B.A., University of Toronto. Mr. Roach previously taught at the Central Technical School in Toronto. He will teach History and Geography and will be accommodated in Gooderham House.

### Lower School

C. J. Loat, M.A., University of Toronto. Chris is an Old Boy of the School from the class of '62. He will be teaching History and living in Mandeville House.

J. W. G. McGregor, M.A., University of Glasgow. Mr. Macgregor has been teaching in Scotland. He will teach English and French. He and Mrs. Macgregor will be taking over the "Nind" apartment.

W. Skelly, B.A., Trinity College, Dublin, I.Th., Edinburgh. Mr. Skelly will be teaching English and Latin. He and Mrs. Skelly will be residing off campus.

W. A. Smy, is a graduate of Hamilton Teachers' College. He has been teaching in Port Colborne. He will be teaching the junior forms and living in Leonard House.

J. C. Dickson and R. W. Rogers, two students at Brock University are joining the staff as junior masters. They will assist in supervisory duties and help with the games programme. They will be accommodated in Mandeville House.

## Percy Wykes



For nearly two decades, since 1949, Percy Wykes and his wife, Betty, have been an important part of the Ridley scene. Their family, Colin, now married and a father, Janet and Sally, have grown up in and about Dean's House. Together, they have given a background to the little community of which Percy was Housemaster — a background of which many Old Boys who lived in that House will have happy and affectionate memories.

Others will remember Percy as he coached them in Mathematics through a haze of, redolent tobacco-smoke in his study; as he supervised them on the Under Sixteen cricket squad; as he directed and played with them on the soccer-field and as he and Betty lent their support to other school activities, be they in the icy fastness of the hockey-rink or at a play or a debate, whatever Ridley boys were doing.

It is with regret that we report that Percy has left Ridley to take up a position in the library of McMaster University, and we wish him and Betty well in their new surroundings.

## Marriages

BURROWS, James H. (62) — on 9 August, 1968, in the Ridley Chapel to Lesley Marina Holmes.

COY, James D. (67) — on 3 August, 1968, in the Ridley Chapel to Catherine Gail McQuiggin.

DELAMERE, Anthony E. (63) — on 6 July, 1968, in Toronto to Joanne Elizabeth Norwood.

EMBREE, Norman R. (62) — on 17 August, 1968, in the Ridley Chapel to Ruth Rosalee Mills.

KEMP, Anthony L. (56) — on 6 July, 1968 in Listowel, Ontario to Patricia Fraser.

KINNEAR, Thomas R. (58) — on 27 December, 1967, in Toronto to Marie D. Stellar.

RAPSEY, Michael D. (62) — on 28 June, 1968 in Toronto, to Victoria Fair Lindsey.

RICE, Peter M. (64) — on 18 November, 1967, in Welland, Ontario, to Jean Yvonne Huggins.

ROSE, James M. (61) — on 4 January, 1968, in Toronto, to Claudette Carrie.

ARMSTRONG, Brian T. (Staff) — on 17 August, 1968, in the Ridley Chapel to Mary Jane Currie.

## Philip Nind



We are sorry to say that Phil has decided to pack it up — as far as teaching is concerned. He has retired to an apartment in South St. Catharines, not far from Brock University. We have little doubt that there will be a place for his talents at the latter institution, and we know that we echo the thoughts of countless Old Boys when we offer him and his wife, Jane, every good wish — after all, they will still be fairly close to Ridley. Their daughter, Sheila, is married and is living in Calgary.

Phil joined the Staff of the Lower School in 1946. Many generations of small boys will cherish in their hearts memories of him as the kindly Head of the West House, and as a teacher who had so much more to offer than lay in the all-too-often dry pages of the textbook, who gave to them wondrous visions of the world beyond the class-room.

## Doug Terryberry

Doug Terryberry (56) joined the Lower School staff in the spring of 1967. During the past year he has been active both academically and on the playing fields with various Lower School teams. We are sorry to see him leave and can only wish him and his wife, Ruth, success as he continues his teaching career at Kernahan Park Secondary School, In St. Catharines.

## Parents' Notes

J. W. (Paddy) CONKLIN of Conklin Shows, Brantford, Ontario was recently featured as the King of the Midway in an article on the new rides at the C.N.E. in the Globe and Mail.

C. O. DALTON will be retiring as Executive Vice-President of Canadian Breweries Limited but will continue to act in an consultative capacity for the firm in Toronto.

J. H. DOUGLAS was recently appointed Manager of Engineering and Construction for Dow Chemical of Canada Limited in Sarnia, Ont.

B. H. LOWRY, a director of Cronyn, Pocock and Robinson Limited, London, Ontario has recently been appointed Branch Director of the Western Ontario Branch with offices in London, Ontario.

## Canada and U.S.A. Exceed Foundation Fund Targets

Both the Foundation Fund (Canada) and the Scholarship Fund (U.S.A.) exceeded their targets of \$30,000 and \$10,000 respectively. The annual report of the Funds which will be mailed to you in October will give the audited figures.

It was felt you would be interested in seeing the figures concerning the contributions by Branches. All parents on our lists are included in these figures. The United States is shown as one grouping with no breakdown into Branches.

### Foundation Fund Giving by Branches

Branch	Total No. in Branches	Contributors 1966-67	1967-68 Contributors
Victoria .....	19	3 \$ 5.	3 \$ 100.
Vancouver .....	96	11 265.	12 325.
Edmonton .....	88	12 350.	5 215.
Calgary .....	69	5 110.	6 205.
Winnipeg .....	78	8 122.	11 210.
Sudbury .....	57	6 207.	9 265.
Windsor .....	58	6 120.	5 210.
London/Sarnia .....	309	35 1,297.	45 4,561.
Grand Valley .....	209	20 821.	32 1,291.
Hamilton .....	175	21 505.	24 602.
Niagara Peninsula ..	483	39 1,335.	68 2,505.
Toronto .....	1,087	175 8,081.	304 16,977.
Ottawa .....	146	15 398.	15 1,370.
Montreal .....	147	25 590.	20 532.
Halifax .....	23	1 10.	2 25.
Newfoundland .....	22	2 155.	3 255.
Bermuda .....	87	Figures Not Available	8 300.
United Kingdom ..	100	Figures Not Available	9 159.
Other Countries ....	190	Figures Not Available	11 487.
United States .....	654	74 5,750.	62 11,243.

The participation by Old Boys and Parents in the Funds has increased from approximately 10 percent to 15 percent which is most encouraging as is the fact that the average gift has increased substantially as well.

All those of us working on behalf of the Funds wish to thank everyone of you who contributed and thus helped us to meet our target.

For those of you who did not see fit to contribute we hope you will realize that Ridley does need your support and that you will help by making a contribution to the Funds in the coming year.

## Foundation Fund Telethons

Last year saw the beginning of our Telethon campaigns on behalf of the Foundation Fund. They were held within the Toronto, Grand Valley, London and Buffalo branches. In addition, the Niagara Peninsula conducted a personal canvass.

Where the Telethons were completed and well followed up, the increase in contributions was very considerable. This year it is planned that Telethons will be held in virtually all of our Branches.

A Telethon can be a lot of fun and result in an enjoyable evening for all those who participate. Generally you will only be asked to spend one evening telephoning. It will start with a light supper after work at the location from which you will be phoning. You will meet a keen group of Old Boys, receive your instructions and the names and phone numbers of those you are asked to call (normally they will be from around your own years at Ridley). You will have about fifteen calls to complete and will be finished between nine and ten o'clock.

We will need your assistance to make these Telethons successful this year. Be willing to spend an evening for Ridley when you are asked to help. Not only will you be helping the School but you will also enjoy the evening as well.

# Neophyte's Nocturn

The title indicates that the trip in question was a first and that it was made by a Senior Citizen, which is a somewhat disagreeable form of address given at times to those who have retired. Anyway, I proved a point — that, if you board a ship in St. Catharines heading east (as I did, from the coal-dock at Port Weller in August, 1967) and continue in that direction for 242 days and 46,000 miles, you will find yourself back at Ridley.

The first ship, down the St. Lawrence Seaway, across the Atlantic and up the Ship Canal to Manchester, was a twelve passenger cargo-vessel of the Manchester Line.



*M/V "Benarmin" at Dakar*

The second was Benarmin, a fast and modern freighter of the Ben Line, also twelve passengers, and with a built-in swimming-pool. I was in her for seventy-two days — ex-London, around Ushant to Dakar for bunkers, and twice across the Equator, passing the Cape of Good Hope, to Penang. Thence to Singapore and off Viet Nam to Hong Kong, by which point all the other passengers had left the ship. The odd traveller joined Benarmin later for a few days between ports. During the next month, calls were made at Pusan in South Korea, in Japan at Yokohama (twice), Kobe (twice), Moji, Shimizu and Nagoya, in Taiwan at Keelung and Kaoshiung, and again at Hong Kong, where I stayed for three weeks.

The next ship was the Changsha of the China Navigation Line, a passenger (80)-cargo liner, which sailed south past the Phillipines, through the East Indies and inside the Great Barrier Reef to Sydney, with a New Year's stop in Brisbane.

A month in Sydney included travel by rail and bus to parts of New South Wales — Singleton, Canberra, the Snowy and the Blue Mountains, et cetera. By train I went to Melbourne for a week and then to Adelaide and Perth.

The fourth ship was a large Italian liner, Achille Lauro of the Flotta Laura, from Freemantle to Wellington, New Zealand. From the latter, it was a train to Auckland, followed by a small German eight-passenger vessel of the Columbus Line, North-east on the Pacific to Vancouver, B.C. — thence the Super-Continental of the C.N.R. to Toronto, and a ride to St. Catharines with Ted Pilgrim.

It is not that I dislike flying per se, but that I consider it to be a waste of time when there is no need for haste. You see little, or nothing, from a jet, and meetings with other people can be only momentary. As a matter of fact, I did fly twice while in New Zealand, between Auckland and Rotorua, but that really was flying — one way in a 1938 bi-plane, the return in the co-pilot's seat of a small, low-wing job, about 100 m.p.h. at 2-3,000 feet. This gives you an idea of how an eagle feels.

Men see life through an infinity of different eyes. What were the highlights of this world-circling journey? Being somewhat unintellectual, I have rather elementary memories that stand out. Other minds, other such.

Deep in my subconscious, but ever on call, lie pictures of the beauty of the ocean, at rest or rent by storm, of the way of life of the ships thereon, of entering and leaving harbour (in Benarmin alone, I superintended upwards of twenty-eight such operations), and of the thoughts and actions of the men who sail them.

There is the trip from Adelaide to Perth by train. The latter has all the amenities of comfortable travelling, and one

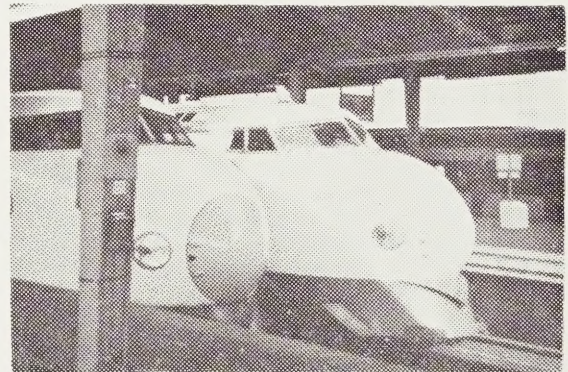
could only imagine the 100 degree-plus temperature outside the air-conditioned cars. The three-hour run to Port Pirie was made on the 5' 3" gauge tracks of the South Australian Railways. There, the passengers crossed the platform to enter the standard-gauge Trans-continental Express of the Commonwealth Railways. After leaving Port Augusta, darkness fell on an almost pancake-flat land. To the north, the lights at the beginning of the Woomera Rocket-range were briefly visible.

Daylight revealed the fascination of the Nullarbor Plain. We were on the Great Straight, 397 miles of track without a curve and with a lone tree about every ten or twenty miles. Paralleling the line is a sandy service-road, on which no vehicle is seen. On the plain is a growth of brownish-purplish brush. The very monotony of the landscape is awe-inspiring. As the morning passed, the growth increased in height to four or five feet and many kangaroos were in sight. Their routine was to catch sight of the train, to freeze a moment, to run 40-50 yards from the track, and then to stop, turn about and stare. With their great height, they stood out as lighthouses on some sullen sea.

In the evening, the train halted at Kalgoorlie, where again the passengers crossed the platform, to enter a 3' 6" gauge train of the Western Australian Railways. Daylight revealed lush, green and rolling countryside, a contrast to the drought-ridden southern half of New South Wales, of Victoria and of South Australia.

One morning, as Benarmin lay at a berth in Kobe, I took a local train for the half-hour run to Osaka, where I boarded an Hikari, a Japanese super-express — 190 minutes for the 320 miles to Tokyo, with stops at Koyoto and Nagoya. The cruising-speed is 124 m.p.h., and I clocked the acceleration from a standing-start to 125 m.p.h. as just under three minutes. Also, I took a snap-shot that shows a cup of coffee standing with nary a ripple while we were in full flight. In Tokyo, I wandered about what must be the largest railway station in the world before the return run to Osaka. (Yes, I did spend some time in Tokyo on another occasion.) One can only marvel at the feats of engineering and organizing that these trains request.

Most things seen and experienced in Hong Kong are high-lights to a simple soul from the Western World — the lacquer of British colonialism on the oriental way of life — the ever-present buzz, bustle and crowding of the vast population — the underlay of the Communist threat from Red China and from the latter's sympathizers in the Colony itself — the all-penetrating atmosphere of the market-place, where every form of chattel



*Hikari Trains in Tokyo Station*

and entertainment is available, at a price so often of mutual agreement — and the breath-taking views from the high points.

People who have an aversion to snakes are advised to steer clear of the Snake Temple just outside Penang. It is set in pastoral surroundings — rice-paddies, huts on high stilts, very skinny-looking cattle — and is a somewhat garishly ornamented building of medium size, with a murky interior. At first, only vague outlines of statues and ornaments are visible, but wait until your eyes become adjusted. Then, almost like a physical blow, comes the realization that there are snakes everywhere — on the altars, around the arms of chairs, hanging from the ornaments, alive but somnolent. I also ran into snakes in Singapore,

when an Indian snake-charmer without warning thrust a small but somewhat stout, python into my hands.

In Taiwan's two ports and Taipei, it is the relative antiquity of most of the busses, trucks and cars and the chaos of the traffic, where anything goes and everyone rides his horn, or bicycle-bell, with joyful abandon, that stand out in memory — that, and a couple of rather beautiful temples, the large and inclusive National Museum and the war-like appearance of many of the police and other ship-boarding officials.

Six or eight weeks in Australia involved daily contact with the politics of that land, to wit the tragic drowning of the Prime Minister, Mr. Holt, and the choosing of his successor, Mr. Gorton. Newspaper and T-V publicity was akin to that prior to our recent Liberal convention, but the method of selection was very different. The members of parliament were locked in a large room; no others were allowed to be present, and the door was not to be opened until a leader was picked. Fortunately, the choice was made quickly, and there was no lingering incarceration, as occurs at some Papal elections.

There was the mid-summer heat and the above-mentioned lack of rain in so much of the land. There were Test-matches in Sydney against India, where good-natured verbal support of individual players is a way of life. There are the unattractive, at least to my ears, accent of most of the people, the ever-felt friendliness of all of the people, and the self-satisfaction of many with their country, particularly with that part of it from which they hail. There are the clean attractiveness of the capital, Canberra; the fantastic conception, and confusing surrounding construction, of Sydney's Opera House; Sydney's harbour and beaches, Melbourne's gracious Collins Street, Adelaide's parks and Perth's lovely Swan River.

When a person enters the orbit of the Far East (as I did through the other passengers in Benarmin) he finds himself in a world in which the words "Ridley College" mean nothing and Canada, itself, is of little interest. In fact, two great villages of the world are the Far East and the West. Neither has much knowledge of the other and neither shows much desire to gain more, although it does seem that we in the Canadian baliwick are broader in outlook than are the people of the Far East.

A condition that somewhat belies the latter statement is our tendency not to recognize the importance of the following factors in world-wide relationships: (a) By 1971 there will probably be little, if any, British armament left East of Suez; nor in the Southern Hemisphere. (b) The vast population of China (and of India, to a lesser degree) poses an ever-present potential of threat



*Terry with two fellow passengers on Christmas Evening*

to lands with large unsettled areas (e.g. Australia), or with important reserves of raw materials (e.g. Indonesia, Malaysia, etc.). (c) The strongest bulwark against this explosion is the U.S.A.

In Canada, we take protection by the U.S.A. for granted, but we are apt to act as if all that we have to fear is the U.S.A. itself. We do not recognize the threat to the free existence of the other village.

During these months, I had very little talk of Ridley. Exceptions were the few occasions on which I ran into Old Boys — In Hong Kong, Dr. Peter Drummond-Smith (42-44) on several occasions and John Blaker (40-41). The former is a

partner in a private medical clinic, and the latter directs an import and export complex; in Sydney, David Glassco (59-61), who is on a post-graduate teaching fellowship at, I think, the University of Melbourne, and John Holland (44-46) of Calgary, in Australia for some weeks locating pipe-lines for the government of New South Wales; in Wellington, John Dryden (44-47), manager for E. S. & A. Robinson, Limited, and married with three children.

Other discoveries were that a floral-clock is standard drill as tourist-bait throughout the Far East, that the interiors of "historic houses" all look the same, and that there is at least one of the latter in most cities of Australia and New Zealand.

I think that I found out that a man's spirit expands with the expansion of the world about him. I looked objectively



*John Dryden (47) and family in Wellington, New Zealand*

on what I saw — What? Why? Who? When? Unexpectedly, this view-point is continuing in the familiar surrounding of Ridley, of St. Catharines, of Ontario, of Canada. As a result, I must apologize for appearing to boast when I say that, to me, at any rate, Canada offers more as a homeland, scenically, socially, economically and politically, than do any of the lands that I visited.

T.C.

## Old Boys' Association Branches

For your information we are listing below the Branches of the Association with the name and address of a member of the Executive for you to contact. Any of them will be glad to hear from you if you are moving to their city or if you are passing through and wish to find out about friends in the area.

**BERMUDA** — William T. Wilson (36), Chairman

Bus.: The Bank of Bermuda, Hamilton, Bermuda..

**BUFFALO & WESTERN NEW YORK** — Fred N. C. Jerauld (53), President

Res.: 4394 South Freeman Rd., Orchard Park, N.Y., 14127.

**DETROIT - WINDSOR** — William J. Denler (60), President, (Detroit)

Res.: 277 Cloverly Rd., Grosse Pointe, Mich. 48236

— J. G. (Mickey) McKee (44), Chairman (Windsor)

Res.: Oldcastle, Ontario.

**GRAND VALLEY** — W. J. C. (Bud) Wright (41), Chairman

Res.: 32 Hillcrest Dr., Galt, Ont.

**HALIFAX** — Hector M. Porter (48), Chairman

Res.: 5695 Gorsebrook Ave., Halifax, N.S.

**HAMILTON DISTRICT** — Gordon B. Hamilton (38), Chairman

Bus.: c/o Kenton Agencies, 32 James St. S., Hamilton, Ontario.

**LATIN AMERICA** — C. Arturo Riguero (40), Chairman

Bus.: Manuel J. Riguero & Co. Ltd., Apartado 308, Managua, Nicaragua, C.A.

**LONDON - SARNIA** — Hume Cronyn (42), President

Bus.: Great-West Life Assurance Co., 200 Queens Ave. London, Ontario.

**MONTREAL** — Hugh M. McCracken (40), President

Bus.: Connor Venetian Blinds Ltd., 5 Union St., Ville St. Pierre, Montreal 32, Que.

**NEW ENGLAND** — H. Alexander Porter (48), Chairman  
Res.: 249 Belknap Rd., Framingham Centre, Mass. 01701, U.S.A.

**NEW YORK CITY** — Michael L. Mandeville (41), Secretary  
Bus.: U.S. Industrials Inc., (Int. Div.), 250 Park Ave., New York, N.Y., 10017.

**NIAGARA PENINSULA** — Alfred J. Chapman (46), Chairman  
Bus.: Sullivan, Mahoney, Chapman & Pringle, 14 King St., St. Catharines, Ont.

**OTTAWA** — Christopher W. E. Merry (57), Chairman  
Res.: 26 Rideau Terrace, Ottawa 2, Ont.

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Arthur H. Tibbits (33), Secretary  
Res.: 124 Glenwood Ave., Atherton, Calif. 94025, U.S.A.

**ST. JOHN'S NFLD.** — Ian J. Reid (44), Chairman  
Res.: 125 Rennie's Mill Rd., St. John's Newfoundland.

**TORONTO** — William O. Randall (42), Chairman  
Bus.: Neptune Meters Ltd., 3526 Lakeshore Blvd. W., Toronto 14, Ont.

**UNITED KINGDOM** — Donald W. Neighbour (52), Secretary  
Bus.: Brown, Jenkinson & Co. Ltd., Dunster House, 17 - 19 Mark Lane, London, EC3, U.K.

**VANCOUVER** — J. L. (Larry) Dampier (33), Chairman  
Bus.: Nabob Foods Ltd., 3131 Lake City Way, Burnaby, B.C.

**VICTORIA** — Gordon Empey (47), Chairman  
Res.: 3270 Beach Drive, Victoria, B.C.

**WINNIPEG** — Peter D. Curry (31), President  
Bus.: Peter D. Curry & Co. Ltd., 233 Portage Ave., Winnipeg 2, Man.

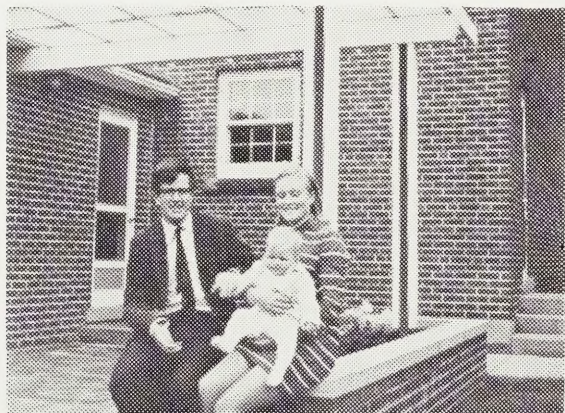
## Branch Meetings

### United Kingdom:

A dinner on Wednesday, 17 July, 1968, at the United University Club, London. Chairman, The Reverend John Ragg (34); Secretary, Don Neighbour (52); Speaker, Ted Pilgrim; Occasion, Ridley's presence at the Henley Royal Regatta. Others present: (from England) The Earl (Henry) Bathurst (44), Hugh Currie (47), Ian Hodgson (46), Dick Kittermaster (45), Arthur Lang (49), Dacre Lennard (45), John Routley (46), Davidson (Peter) Smith (57), Tony Thres (46); (from Canada) Terry Cronyn (20), Purvis McDougall (54), Norm Shipley (Staff), Bob Stanley (47 - and Staff) and Cro Taylor (40).

## Mark Gallop

Mark joined the History Department in 1966. He took over the organizing and management of the fledgling rowing programme. It has largely been due to his drive and enthusiasm that this sport has risen to reach prominence in the School, culminating with the victory of the heavy eight crew at the Schoolboy Henley and their entry in the Royal Henley Regatta in England in July. We wish to extend our best wishes to



him and his wife, Mary, as he takes up his new appointment at the Sir John A. Macdonald Collegiate Institute in Agincourt, Ontario.

## Upper School Staff Promotions

A number of promotions and changes within the staff of the School have been made recently by the Headmasters which will be of interest to you.

Al Staples has been appointed Senior Master following "Co" Cockburn's elevation to Honourary Senior Master. Adam Griffith has been made Director of Guidance. Norm Shipley becomes Dean of Residence and will be living in the "Matheson" House. Frank Hanna takes over as Head of the Mathematics Department from Norm. John Silver has been chosen as Headmaster of Gooderham House. David Wilson assumes the new post of Director of Studies. Our congratulations and best wishes go to all those staff members and we wish them well in their new posts.

In the Lower School, Frank Hollinrake has been appointed House Master of Mandeville House and David Cosgrovehead of Leonard House.



From left to right; The Headmaster, H. A. Staples, A. H. Griffith, N. L. Shipley, F. L. Hanna, A. J. D. B. Silver, D. R. Wilson.

## Old Boys' Notes

- 1933—J. L. (Larry) DAMPIER has been appointed Vice President and General Manager of Nabob Foods Limited in Vancouver, B.C.
- 1935—R. M. (Richard) GORHAM has been appointed a Member of the Legislative Council of Bermuda.
- 1937—C. D. (Don) MUIR has been recently appointed Vice-President, Industrial Relations and Personnel with Brewers Warehousing Company Limited, Toronto.  
—J. W. (John) MURRAY has recently assumed the position of Vice-President, Planning and Development with John Labatt Limited in London, Ont.
- 1939—J. B. (John) CRONYN was recently appointed Executive Vice-President, Corporate Affairs with John Labatt Limited in London, Ont.
- 1940—R. C. (Dick) MEECH has recently been appointed Honourary Consul of Thailand at Toronto.
- 1946—S/L I. A. N. (Ian) WORBY is at the R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell, Berks., U.K.
- 1947—R. E. (Bob) STANLEY has completed his sabbatical year of study at the London School of Economics and is resuming his position as Chairman of the History Department at Ridley.
- 1948—W. R. (Bill) LEWIS is with Pacemaker Yacht Sales in St. Petersburg, Florida.
- 1951—The Rev'd H. A. (Harry) WOGGON has recently been appointed Chaplain of the Porter-Gaud School in Charleston, S.C.
- 1952—T. M. (Tim) BROWN has been posted from Barrie, Ontario on an exchange to teach at a school in Trinidad.
- 1955—R. M. (Bob) GRACE is practicing Ocean Engineering with the French Government and is residing in Paris.

- 1956—A. R. (Art) CAIRNCROSS is manager of a Tamblyn's Drug Store in Windsor, Ont.
- 1957—Dr. W. F. E. (Bill) BROWN is the Chief Resident in Neurology at the Toronto General Hospital.
- 1958—Dr. D. M. (Mike) GRACE is continuing his clinical training with the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal.
- 1962—C. J. (Chris) LOAT has been awarded his M.A. at the University of Toronto and is joining the staff of the Lower School this year.
- R. A. (Bob) LONGMORE is proprietor of the Perry Music Centre Limited in Brampton, Ont.
- 1963—G. M. (Michael) CRANSTON is with radio station CKSO in Sudbury, Ont.
- A. E. (Tony) DELAMERE is a S/Lt. in the Royal Canadian Navy, stationed in Halifax, N.S.
- R. C. (Bob) WATSON is an SP.4 in the U.S. Army and currently serving in Viet Nam.
- 1964—M. R. (Mike) CARSON is with the Ford Motor Credit Company in Oakville and presently taking a training course with them.
- K. G. (Ken) HAYWARD is with the R.A.F. in England.
- J. D. (John) WAIND is teaching at Lady Churchill School in St. Catharines.
- 1965—J. E. (Jim) GILLELAND is taking a course in Communication Arts at Mohawk College in Hamilton, Ont.
- A. O. (Andy) WATSON has been selected to a team of University of California students who will tour the state for nine weeks to promote the University.
- 1968—R. J. (Robert) PORTER is attending St. Mary's University in Halifax, N.S.

## Deaths

BETHUNE, W. Donald (16) — 17 August, 1963 in Toronto.

LITTLE, James Sutherland (26) — December, 1967 in Woodstock, Ont.

## Ted and Norah Morgan



Since 1958, Ted and Norah have formed the only husband and wife teaching team in the history of Ridley. They have left the Staff of the Lower School to join the faculty of the Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology in Welland, Ontario. Behind them are many memories of those boys who fell within their orbits — of Ted as coach of the Lower School cricket and soccer teams and as an exceptionally wide-ranging teacher of English, of his shorts flapping in the cool Fall breezes and of the war-time flying helmet that he wore, wisely, when a spectator at the outdoor rink — of Norah as the doyen of Form VI, the director of the Lower School Library, plays and remedial reading and a tutor in mathematics for boys right up to VIA in the Upper School — of the team as leaders of seminars on a variety of subjects among the boys of both Schools.

Their eldest son, David (65), has completed his third year at Queen's University; the next, Charlie (68), is about to enter university, while Paul (61-68) and Johnny remain at home. We wish the Morgans well in their new lives.

## A Gift to Ridley

## In Lieu of Flowers

Over the past year, one or two Parents and Old Boys have had a bereavement in their families. Even at this time they have thought of Ridley and have asked their friends through the medium of an obituary in the newspapers to make a contribution to the Foundation Fund in lieu of a floral tribute to the deceased.

### THE RIDLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION FUND

extends its sympathy in your bereavement and  
is the grateful recipient of a contribution  
in memory of

from

May the knowledge that this gift will assist  
Ridley be of comfort to you at this time.

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ST. CATHARINES  
ONTARIO

Should you be interested in this at a later date, you will see above a replica of the card we will in future use to acknowledge any such donations.

## The Gun Club

By W. R. (Billy) Wadsworth (90-93)

*"In summer all right-minded boys built huts in the furze-hill behind the College — little lairs whittled out of the heart of the prickly bushes, full of stumps, odd root-ends, and spikes, but since they were strictly forbidden, palaces of delight. And for the fifth summer in succession, Stalky, McTurk, and Beetle (this was before they reached the dignity of a study) had built like beavers, a place of retreat and meditation, where they smoked."*

*From Rudyard Kipling's "Stalky & Co."*

In the Autumn of 1892 (seven years before the foregoing was published) six new boys, erstwhile scholars (?) of Upper Canada College, arrived at Ridley and almost immediately proceeded to build themselves one of those "palaces of delight". They had not the benefit of having read (if they had ever read anything) the specifications quoted above of such a "palace" — so they built theirs out of odd pieces of wood and galvanized iron sheets of various shapes and sizes — and they saw everything that they made, and behold! it was very good.

Bishop Ridley, whose name in extenso the School then bore, might not have shared their pride-of place (so to speak) in their handiwork; but for that matter the same might have been said for the School building itself, which was somewhat primitive and lacking in every amenity (although doubtless worth the \$20,000. it had cost the School at mortgage sale).

However, most of the inmates of the School building did not care what opinion of the good (but somewhat obstinate) Bishop would have held of it. We loved it and every leak in the roof — even every rat in the place — and there were plenty of them! (They even tried to share our beds at night so that we became quite expert in knocking them off our pillows, etc.).

In those almost prehistoric days, the School was located in the East of town over "The Old Canal", and the Playing-Field on the opposite or West Bank. Travel to and fro' was maintained by means of a small box-like scow (not very buoyant or swift), sculled with a single oar in the stern, wherein we became in time quite proficient. Adjoining our Playing-Field on the North was a quite extensive tract of scrub-bush, eagerly (but secretly) appropriated as a building-site by the Noble Six (who christened themselves "The Gun Club".)

The first intimation that these boys were in the School but not of it was their attitude towards football practices. It is said that "absence makes the heart grow fonder", but their fondness for football never developed one whit, even through complete absence! As they were all husky boys, ranging in age from 16 to 18 years, their lack of School spirit did not pass unnoticed, and neither did their unflinching and speedy disappearance after they had crossed the Canal with the other boys.

In due time, investigation by the Prefects followed naturally. The hideout was discovered. Evidences of smoking (then

deemed a crime — or at least a sin — by the Prefects, and not countenanced by them) were abundant, and also of drinking. It became my responsibility to report the situation to our highly-esteemed Principal, the Reverend "J.O."

He was incredulous. "Why, Mr. Dickson, the Principal of Upper Canada College wrote me recommending each of these boys 'I'll expel them at once!'" (Which he did). "J.O." subsequently told me he had just learned that these same boys had been expelled from Upper Canada College for drinking and that he could not understand why they had been so highly recommended to him.

One of those expelled afterwards became a close friend of mine and expressed his approval of the action taken.

(Editor's Note). Billy is Ridley's oldest living Old Boy and the founder of the Old Boys' Association. Our readers will be interested in reading the above article, in which Billy speaks of the very early days of Ridley, when it was located on the East side of the Old Welland Canal in its original building, the old Springbank Hotel.)



THE CANOE CLUB (1891)

Left to right, Rear Row: G. O. Hayne, W. E. H. Carter, R. H. Street, C. S. Macdonald, S. Stewart, D. B. Macdonald, G. P. Macdonald, E. M. Hooper, L. Ogilvie, H. E. Hanning.  
Left to right, Front Row: N. Ogilvie, W. R. Wadsworth, W. Ogilvie, H. F. Darrele, M. D. Baldwin.

## Major Michaelmas Term Events

Sun. 8 Sept. — Opening Day	Sat. 26 Oct. — Football — Ridley I & III at Lakefield — 2:30 p.m.
Fri. 27 Sept. — Soccer — Ridley I at Nicholls School — 4:00 p.m.	Ridley II & U/16 at DeVeaux — 2:30 p.m.
Sat. 28 Sept. — Football — Ridley I at St. Michael's — 2:15 p.m.	Soccer — U.C.C. at Ridley I & II — 2:00 p.m.
U.C.C. at RLS I — 2:15 p.m.	Ridley U/16 at U.C.C. — 2:00 p.m.
Soccer — RLS I, II, III & IV at Hillfield — 2:00 p.m.	RLS I at U.C.C. — 2:00 p.m.
Wed. 2 Oct. — Football — Ridley III & U/16 at Appleby — 2:30 p.m.	Sat. 2 Nov. — Football — Appleby at Ridley I & U/16 — 2:15 p.m.
Nicholls at RLS I — 2:00 p.m.	Soccer — RLS I, II, III, IV at Appleby — 2:30 p.m.
Soccer — Ridley I & II at U.C.C. — 3:15 p.m.	Michaelmas Term Informal Dance
U.C.C. at Ridley U/16 — 3:15 p.m.	Wed. 6 Nov. — Cross Country Races — 2:15 p.m.
U.C.C. at RLS I — 2:00 p.m.	Football — RLS at Nicholls — 2:00 p.m.
Sat. 5 Oct. — Football — U.C.C. at Ridley I — 2:15 p.m.	Thurs. 7 Nov. — Tues. 12 Nov. — HALF TERM BREAK
U.C.C. at Ridley II & U/16 — 10:30 a.m.	Fri. 15 Nov. — RLS Cross Country Races — 2:15 p.m.
Soccer — U.C.C. at RLS I, II, III, IV — 10:30 a.m.	Sun. 17 Nov. — Tues. 19 Nov. — Annual Conference of the Canadian Headmaster's Association
Wed. 9 Oct. — Football — Ridley II & U/16 at S.A.C. — 2:30 p.m.	Fri. 22 Nov. — Debate — Ridley at T.C.S. — 8:00 p.m.
RLS at U.C.C. — 3:30 p.m.	Sat. 23 Nov. — School Play — "The Fire Raisers" — 8:00 p.m.
Soccer — Ridley I & II at S.A.C. — 2:30 p.m.	Sat. 30 Nov. — Squash — Ridley at T.C.S.C.C. — 2:30 p.m.
Hillfield at RLS I, II, III, IV — 2:00 p.m.	Fri. 6 Dec. — RLS Boxing Finals — 8:00 p.m.
Fri. 11 Oct. — Football — Ridley I at S.A.C. — 2:30 p.m.	Sat. 14 Dec. — Cross Country Supper — 6:00 p.m.
Mon. 14 Oct. — Soccer — T.C.S. at Ridley I & III — 1:30 p.m.	Sun. 15 Dec. — Carol Services — 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Wed. 16 Oct. — Football — RLS I at S.A.C. — 1:30 p.m.	Mon. 16 Dec. — RLS Cross Country Supper — 6:00 p.m.
Soccer — RLS I, II at S.A.C. — 1:30 p.m.	Tues. 17 Dec. — CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BEGIN
Sat. 19 Oct. — Sun. 20 Oct. — OLD BOYS' WEEK-END	Thurs. 19 Dec. to Sat. 21 Dec. — Hockey Ridley I at Lawrenceville Tournament, Lawrenceville, N.J.
Sat. 19 Oct. — Football — T.C.S. at Ridley I — 2:15 p.m.	Wed. 8 Jan. — LENT TERM BEGINS
Wed. 23 Oct. — Football — RLS I vs. T.C.S. at U.C.C. — 11:00 a.m.	
Soccer — RLS I vs. T.C.S. at U.C.C. — 11:00 a.m.	